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Draft Policies for Allocation of MORPC–Attributable Transportation Funding Available for Review and Comment

(Columbus –January 26, 2016) Every two years the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) seeks projects to use MORPC-attributable federal transportation funding. Approximately \$32 million is available annually to be allocated to projects in the transportation planning area: Delaware and Franklin counties; Bloom and Violet townships in Fairfield County; Pataskala, New Albany and Etna Township in Licking County; and Jerome Township in Union County.

MORPC has revised its Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Funds. The document describes the processes for local governments to apply for MORPC-attributable transportation funds and for MORPC to select projects to receive a commitment of funds.

Prior to requesting funding applications, MORPC reviews, revises as necessary, and readopts the Policies for Managing MORPC-Attributable Federal Funds. Over the last several months, MORPC convened the Attributable Funds Committee to review and update the Policies. The document includes a schedule, eligibility requirements, application requirements, evaluation criteria, procedures for ranking and selecting projects for funding, requirements for sponsors receiving a funding commitment, and other policies for managing the funding program.

The draft Policies are available for public review and comment on the MORPC website at <http://www.morpc.org/transfunding>. MORPC will be accepting public comments on the Policies from January 22 through February 22. Comments may be submitted via email to tip@morpc.org or in writing to Thea J. Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems & Funding, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH, 43215-5222. The Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled to consider adopting the Policies on April 14, 2016. For more information contact Nick Gill at (614) 233-4151, or via email at ngill@morpc.org.

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